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Sent: 1/20/2021 8:13:02 PM
To: Huang, Judy [Huang.Judy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Information Request

Judy, I did a number of edits/additions, but didn't highlight them. So read it through carefully and feel free to cut or edit further, and we can connect again before sending a reply

John

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

My name is Judy Huang and I am the EPA project manager for the cleanup of the Palos Verdes Shelf portion of the Montrose Superfund site.

Ms. Leon Martinez kindly forwarded your email inquiry regarding the waste drums to me. I apologize for the delayed response.

These barrels were found by UC Santa Barbara Professor David Valentine. According to my conversations with Professor Valentine, these waste drums were found in a permitted historical ocean industrial waste disposal site where numerous industrial facilities, including Montrose, disposed of their industrial wastes. This and multiple other ocean disposal sites in the area were permitted by the US Army Corps of Engineers and/or the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

While the existence of these dumpsites is not new, EPA is working with our State, Federal, and local partners to look at Professor Valentine's information and to discuss the issues associated with these historical permitted ocean disposal sites. This is an important step in determining any next steps, either by the State or the United States.

Let me know if you have further questions. Thank you for your interest.

Judy

From: Martinez Leon, Yarissa
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 8:01 AM
To: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Subject: RE: Information Request

Thank you for your question. Unfortunately, I am not the right contact- I have however forwarded your email to Judy Huang, the project manager (huang.judy@epa.gov) for the Palos Verdes Shelf and her supervisor so that they may contact you regarding your question below.

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WORK SCHEDULE

Tuesday to Friday 7:15am to 5:45pm

From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 6:54 PM

To: Martinez Leon, Yarissa <martinez.yarissa@epa.gov>

Subject: Information Request

Hello Ms. Martinez-Leon,

I am emailing you regarding the recent discovery of an offshore dumpsite of DDT byproducts near Santa Catalina Island. As a concerned and interested citizen of the local community, I am curious about the actions being taken to investigate the potential damage that these barrels can do to the environment. As you are the remedial project manager of the established Montrose Superfund site, I concluded that you might be the person to initially contact regarding such information. Are you aware of whether the United States is conducting a preliminary assessment or otherwise taking any initial oversight or investigation steps? What would be the initial steps taken to facilitate United States involvement; for example, how would such a site be investigated and evaluated for listing on the National Priorities List? Is there someone else to whom I should pose these questions?

Any information you could supply me with as to the current administrative processes being undertaken surrounding the dumpsite would be greatly appreciated. I recognize that you are busy and likely have many responsibilities at the moment, so I thank you in advance.

Regards,

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Student at Redondo Union High School

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